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Catch of the Day: Harvesting Chesapeake Bay Artifacts

This display is a sampling of artifacts associated with Chesapeake Bay life including vintage bottles salvaged from the water, a variety of collectible antique oyster cans and selected Orlando V. Wootten maritime photographs featuring Eastern Shore waterman.

Bill Simms from Fruitland, MD, has been collecting antique bottles, jars and stoneware for over 35 years. This interest began as an opportunity to bond with his sons in the outdoors along waterways, discovering various types of bottles from the present back to 19th century. Simms actively travels to antique glassware shows sharing his collection, which has expanded over the years with the help of fellow antique dealers.

These treasures will be featured in the upcoming Chesapeake Bay artifact exhibit from July 1 through October 14. The exhibit will be free and open to the public at the Nabb Research Center on the East Campus of Salisbury University in the Power Professional Building Room 109.

Farewell!

Chris Sidler was a graduate assistant at the Nabb Center and worked at the front desk. Chris was also an assistant teacher for the Pro Seminar history course, a writer for the *Shoreline* and president of SU's History Club. After graduating with a master's degree in history, Chris is seeking employment with either the Smithsonian or National Park Service.

Phillip Myers was a Nabb Center intern who specialized in compiling archival collections by scanning countless records, photos, post cards and letters into a digital database. Phillip has now graduated and plans to move back home to Baltimore City where he'll begin searching for a job.

Justin Wooten-Janney interned at the Nabb Center during the spring 2005 semester. Throughout his time working for the Center, Justin edited and wrote for the *Shoreline* newsletters. His research article, "Unknown Soldier," will be appearing in the bi-annual edition of *Shoreline* being released in fall 2005. After graduation Justin is moving back home to begin working.

Cue for Treason!

Did you know that in 1742 a set of secret plans were developed that involved Native Americans on the Eastern Shore, the Five Nations and the French? Conspiracy and treachery hid in every shadow. The plan was to rise up and suppress English settlers on Delmarva. According to one testimony, given by an Atchawamp Native American of the Great Choptank: "there was an Agreement made between some Indians that came from Shawan (Shawnee), being 23 in number, and several Nations of our own Indians to rise and cut off the English ..." This same account confirmed that the uprising was to be reinforced by a simultaneous seaboard attack devised to land French ships within firing range of the colonists and possibly to cut off an escape out of the Chesapeake Bay. To learn more about this French-Indian alliance please become a member of the Nabb Research Center before September in order to receive the much sought after September *Shoreline* featuring dozens of articles in the upcoming issue tentatively titled, "From Bay to Beach: Chesapeake Life and the Eastern Shore."

If you are interested in submitting articles to be considered for publication in the September issue please contact the Nabb Center rcdhac@salisbury.edu.

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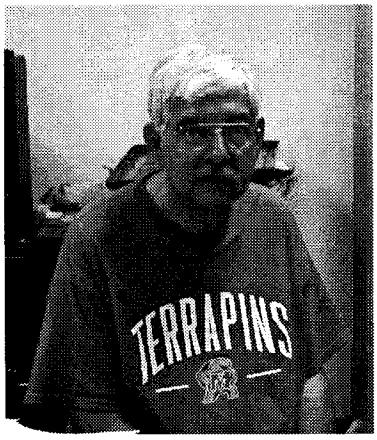

Nabb News

The Nabb Center would like to thank Neil and Leslie Keddie who recently made a donation of a one year membership to their new genealogical Web site. The site will be made accessible for Nabb patrons during their visits to the center. Both Neil and Leslie have worked a life time transcribing land records and court document from the Colonial period through to the 19th century and now have an online site through which to share their years of research to subscribers.

The Nabb Research Center depends upon the generosity of its members.

Please help us advance preservation and your heritage by remembering the Nabb Research Center in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

Cellar House Thank You!

This year's fund raiser, held at the Cellar House on the Pocomoke River, was a huge success. We owe a special thank you to Jack and Martha Graham owners and hosts at Colonial Cellar House, our major sponsors Doyle Catering and Milford Street/Riverside Pharmacy, our attendees and donors. Spectators perused items subject to either silent or live auctioning and enjoyed potent potables and beverages–including the traditional mint juleps that kept most warm amidst the gentle river-blown breeze. Finally, the numerous volunteer hours donated by both committee members and friends of the Nabb Center made this year's event a memorable occasion. For images of the event please visit the Nabb Center's Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu

Nabb member Carolyn Jones in the foreground.